

1869

The biggest pure gold nugget ever found was 21 in. long and 10 in. across and weighed more than 150 lbs. It was discovered in 1869 by two Englishmen, John Deason and Richard Oates, prospecting in Victoria, Australia.

Was 98.66 % pure gold  
They sold it for about \$50,000.00

The largest mass of gold ever found  
in a reef was the 630 pound Haltermann  
nugget turned up in 1872 at a  
mine in Hill End, New South Wales  
It yielded over 187 pounds of gold